

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A content management system for archiving content as electronic data and managing an original, comprising:

5 a management device for managing the content processing history; and

a portable medium for saving the content, that is removably attached to the management device and has a media ID,

10 wherein the management device, on command from an external device, registers and revises the content on the portable medium and manages processing history and the media ID for the content.

15 2. The content management system according to claim 1,

wherein the management device creates a registration certificate in response to the registration and revision of the content, stores the result together with the content on
20 the portable medium, determines the validity of the registration certificate from the external device, and allows access to the content of the portable medium.

3. The content management system according to
25 claim 1,

wherein the management device creates a registration certificate in response to the registration and revision of

the content, stores the result as content management information, determines the validity of the registration certificate from the external device, and allows the content processing history to be read.

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4. The content management system according to claim 1,

wherein the management device encrypts the content with an encryption key produced by random numbers in response to
10 the content storage, encrypts the encryption key with the media ID, and stores the encrypted content and encrypted encryption key on the portable medium of the media ID.

5. The content management system according to
15 claim 1,

wherein the management device creates and archives serial content managing information in response to registration and revision of the content.

20 6. The content management system according to claim 1, further comprising a copying medium for storing the encrypted content on the portable medium,

and wherein user is distributed the encryption key and copying medium.

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7. The content management system according to claim 1,

wherein the management and the external device are connected via a network.